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For: SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD USING ELECTRIC DISCHARGE, AND AN
ELECTRODE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please insert the following sentence before the first line:

a.
This is a continuation application of PCT Patent Application PCT/JP98/05106, filed
November 13, 1998, which was published in Japanese.

Page 6, please delete the first full paragraph, and replace it with the following new
paragraph:

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The present invention also provides a discharge electrode used for carrying out a surface
treatment method using electric discharge in a working liquid containing no carbon components,
wherein the electrode is a powder compressed electrode obtained by compression-molding